

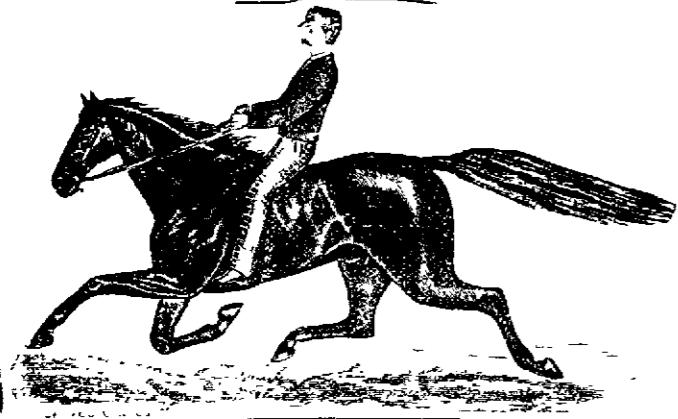
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**SEE THE DISPLAY
OF
FINE HOLIDAY GOODS
SHOW BY THE
RACE CLOTHING MANUF'G CO.,
In Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods.**



OVERCOATS,--In all Styles, Prices and Qualities.

We have just received a large invoice of EXTRA FINE OVERCOATS for the Holiday Trade, including Fur Cape Overcoats, Ulsters and Box Overcoats, in silk-lined Kerseys, Cheviots, Meltons, Shetlands, Chinchillas, &c.

Special Prices will be made on our Immense Stock of Boys' and Children's Overcoats, from \$1.25 up to the finest made. Our stock of Business and Dress Suits cannot be excelled. We carry an extra full line of Prince Albert Suits, in Diagonals, Corkscrew and Wide Wale Worsted.

FINE FURNISHING GOODS AND NOVELTIES.

Neckwear for the million, in all colors, styles and shapes. Mufflers in Silk, Pongee, Cashmere, in all the delicate effects. On gold and silver handle Silk Umbrellas we down them all. We sell more Umbrellas than any house in the city and at prices from 20 to 25 per cent cheaper. We are large jobbers in this line and thereby enabled to make close prices. Fancy Border and Plain White Hemstitch Handkerchiefs, in Linen, Silk Pongee. Special line of Full Dress Embroidered Pongee Handkerchiefs.

We have just received a choice lot of Gents' Silk Smoking Jackets, all the leading colors. Seal Caps, Fur, Lined and Unlined Gloves Mittens, in endless varieties. Black Silk Handkerchiefs, Black Enders, Black Silk Mittens and Half Hose, Black Four-in-Hand Black Dress Studs, Cuff Buttons, and all the Latest Novelties. Being the LEADING MERCHANT TAILORS we have aplete Stock of PIECE GOODS.

**RACE CLOTHING MANUF'G CO.,
Successors to J. R. RACE & CO.
129 and 135 North Water Street.**

SEE THIS!

The DOMESTIC
Is the Boss



ALSO, SEE OUR
American Stock
with the
Blanks and
Medium
Furniture,
AT
Very Low Prices.

JUSTMAN & MARCOTT.

"Money Makes the Mare Go."

JUST HAVE CASH.

My entire stock of Musical Merchandise, including Fine VIOLINS, BANJOS, GUITARS, Accordions, STRINGS of all kinds, Music Books, Folios, and all MUSICAL NOVELTIES suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

SELL AT A GREAT SACRIFICE
Until January 1st, to Get Cash.

We are the Finest line of PIANOS and ORGANS in the state, and will give the BEST TERMS to be purchased.

My stock is all FRESH AND NEW, just arrived. GREAT BARGAINS await you at the store.

E. G. HODGE
TEMPLE OF MUSIC,
NORTH MAIN ST., DECATUR.

BULLARD,
General Director,
from the Old Square to his new
MONUMENTAL BLOCK, 250
feet square, where every room and attended
style of the art. Calls night or
prompt attention. In connection
with William St. Residence

Grand Opera House, 22nd Street.

Bradley Bros.

GREAT STOCK-TAKING SALE!

3,000 Yards
WOOL FILLED
DRESS GOODS
AT
6½c
Per Yard.

2,000 Yards of
TWILLED
CASHMERE,
AT
10c
a yard.

1,500 Yards of
DOUBLE FOLD
CASHMERE,
AT
12½c
a yard.

2,000 Yards
DOUBLE-WIDTH
Cloth Suitings,
AT
19c
a yard.

36-inch Plaid
CLOTH SUITINGS,
19c a yard.
50 Pieces Plain and
BROCADE VELVETS,
25c a Yard.
25 Pieces of
BROADCLOTH,
were \$1.25 a yard,
Cut to 85c.
20 Pieces of
FRENCH BROADCLOTH,
Were \$2.00, now \$1.25.
20 Pieces of Black and Colored
Brocade and
STRIPED SILK VELVETS,
Woven Patterns,
Marked Down to \$1.00 a yard.
Boxes of Unbleached
CANTON FLANNELS,
at 4c a yard.
Boxes of Colored
CANTON FLANNEL,
at 5c a yard.

**2,000 PAIRS
ALL WOOL
RED BLANKETS**
The Original Price
\$4.50, \$5, \$5.50 and \$6 a Pair,
ALL PUT IN ONE LOT AT
\$3.60 Per Pair.
We claim this the
Biggest Bargain
Ever Offered in
BLANKETS,
In this City.

Extra Heavy
CANTON FLANNEL,
at 7c a yard.
Cases of
BLEACHED MUSLIN,
36 inches wide, at
5c a yard.
Bales of 36-inch
BROWN MUSLIN,
Good weight, at
5c a yard.
One Box of
APRON GINGHAMS,
at 4c a yard.
200 Pieces of Best
DRESS GINGHAMS,
at 6½c a yard.
1 Box Regular 8c Ginghams
at 5c a yard.
2 Cases of
TURKEY RED DAMASK
at 19c a yard.
2 Boxes CALICOES
at 4c a yard.
1 Case of Choice Colors in
CALICOES at 5c yard.

POOR DRUGS+

Are worse than none, as you are not
only deceived, but robbed as well.
WE BUY THE BEST, ONLY,
and if you have prescriptions to be
filled or medicines to buy, we would
be pleased to fill your orders, with
the BEST GOODS money will buy.

KING & WOOD
Druggists.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

MISS MUELLER'S RECEPTION.
A Delightful Dance in Honor of
Miss Glisford, of Chicago.

Miss Lydia Mueller gave a most enjoy-
able party last evening at the home of her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mueller, at
151 West Wood street, in honor of her
guest, Miss Fenelle Glisford, of Chicago,
who departed this morning for her home
in that city, after a most delightful visit
with her friend in this city. Dancing
was the chief diversion of the occasion,
the excellent dance music being fur-
nished by the Opera House orchestra.
Delicious refreshments were served to the
guests during the entire evening.
The program of dances included thirteen
numbers. Those who were guests of their
most hospitable and congenial hos-
ters were—

Misses Josie Harwood, Penelope Gilford, of
Chicago, Louise Michel, Iris Reeme, Clara Stom-
mel, Minnie Bachman, Little Blahaderine, Belle Steele, Mabel Mills, Jessie Steele, Bessele Reeme,
Augusta Westcott, Anna Westcott, Anna Davis
Bachman, L. Gertrude Whistler, Adele Stom-
mel, John J. Mattie Michaela, Lydia Mueller,
Ella Bassett, Lettie and Sallie Stafer, Mrs.
Frank Stafer, Mrs. Snyder, and Mrs. David
Cloud, Alice Hopkins, Walter Keefer, Henry
Fred, Robert and Adolph Mueller, Will Curran,
Will Bachman, Harry Shulander, Harry Hard,
Charles Dawson, William N. Thibault, John B.
Freeman, Charles Schroll, Harry McMaster,
Archie Wilson, Ed Hill, Charles Hildebrand,
Pritz Kony, L. L. Burrows, Hugh Vaughan, Philip
Steinmueller, of Chicago, R. C. Bassett,
Aureus, J. A. Mills, R. O. Rosen and their
wives.

Electric Bitters.
This remedy is becoming so well known
and so popular as to need no special
mention. All who have used Electric
Bitters sing the same song of praise.—A
purer medicine does not exist. It is
admitted to do all the good claimed.
Electric Bitters will cure all disease of the
Liver and Kidneys, will remove impure
blood.—Will drive Malaria from the
system and prevent as well as cure all
Malaria fevers.—For cure of Headache,
Consumption and Indigestion try Electric
Bitters.—Entire satisfaction guaranteed,
or money refunded.—Price 50 cts.
and \$1.00 per bottle at Dr. A. J. Stoner's
Drug Store.

Can't Borrow Money.
Mayor Mason, of Bloomington, in-
formed the city council Saturday night
that he had found it impossible to bor-
row money on the city's credit of the
banks in Bloomington. The council has
expended almost all that the city can
legally raise by taxation, and money is
urgently needed.

A Slugger.
Miss Alice Williams, a teacher in the
Rockford public schools, is charged with
having beaten black and blue a son of
El Weeks, because the boy whispered
The Humane Society has taken up the
case and has decided to prosecute the
teacher in the courts unless she is dis-
charged by the school board. The latter
body is considering the matter.

Patti 34 Years Ago.
The recent appearance of Patti at the
Chicago Auditorium have recalled to the
LaSalle Republican the fact that the
duo sang in LaSalle August 20, 1856. Ole
Basil was then charming the west
with his violin, and Patti, then a swarthy
maiden of 16, assisted him. She was
billed as "Adelina Patti, the wonderful
vocalist, surnamed the 'young Moliere.'"
Patti stopped at the Hardy
house while in LaSalle, and it is chronicled
that she took great delight in car-
rying on a hearty-keen flirtation with a
young man who was then a clerk in
Cricksbank's bank across the way.

The Little Seed.
A little seed lay in the earth's part:
A little root went in the strong wind's wrath,
The little plant grew, and then it cast
Then a frost, then a tree, then all the winter's blast.
Then a little cough started—twas only light;
A little chill shivered the hours of night;
A little pain came and began to grow,
Then it stopped and all the frost strength low.

He was in time, check the little cold,
cure the little chill, dispel the little pain,
the little ailment becomes the strong,
unconquerable giant of disease. Dr.
Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, if
taken in time, is a remedy for these ills.

Feather Renovating.
Have your feathers renovated by the
old reliable firm, Cox, Chamberlain & Co.
Library Block, 10th and 17th Streets.

Sweat Body and Portland Sleigh
and Bed-Sleds for sale at
130-day old SPENCER & LEHMAN Co.

Moss to be desired in fine gold air,
the beautiful Carpets, Matting, Rugs
Wire Mats, Turkomans and Lace Curtains,
at the price at which you can buy
them at SPENCER & LEHMAN Co.

The Old Reliable Peter Spitteler and
Moline Wagons for sale by SPENCER &
LEHMAN Co.

W. A. COMBS Restaurant.

THESE PRICES ARE FOR SPOT CASH.

FRESH OYSTERS and CELERY received every
day and all goods at proportionately Low Prices.
Goods Delivered to all parts of the city.

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The Boss Clothier.

We have eclipsed all previous eff-
in the 23 years' experience of our's
cessful career in the clothing busin-
in placing before the public for
Fall and Winter

THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLET-

***NEW FALL AND WIN-
CLOTHING**

EVER SHOWN IN DECATUR.

Our Men's, Young Men's

AND

BOYS' SUITS

Will be distinguished from ordinary
ready-made clothing, not only by the
superior fit, style and finish, so long
noticeable in our garments, but also
by the EXTREME LOW PRICES.
ask for superior made goods.

Decatur's Leading Clothier,

+B. STINE.+

HOW IS THIS?

Why Not Save Money When
You Can?

A Penny Saved Is a Penny Earned.

What we eat costs us more money than any other of
our wants, and especially is this true if we do not seize
every opportunity to buy where we can do so to the best
advantage. Logan & Beik are the pioneers of Low
Prices in groceries, and those who have patronized
them know how well the claim is based. What is the
sense in paying high prices when you can buy the same
goods for less money? They refer to the following
price list to show that they are not indulging in wind-
bragging when they claim to sell goods at lower price
than their competitors, and a simple trial will convince
the most skeptical that their goods are all that can be
desired:

SUGARS.

Granulated Sugar, 12½ lbs for \$1.00
13 lbs for 1.00
14 lbs White Extra C. Sugar, 1.00
12 lbs O. Sugar, 1.00
Good Syrup, per gallon, 40

FLOUR.

Bread roller process flour, per sack,
50 lbs, \$1.05
Beef Coal Oil, per gallon, 12½
Best Vinegar, per gallon, 25
Fancy Raisins, 10
Lion Bacon, 10
Heavy Bacon, 10
Best Lard, per lb, 10

CHIPPED DRIED BEET.

Canned Blackberries, 25
Baking Powder, in pound cans, 15
Baking Powder, in bulk, 15
Mackerel, in pound cans, 10
Star Tobacco, 10
Climax Tobacco, 10

TEAS.

Japan, 15c to 50c
Imperial (best), 50c
Y. H., 35c to 50c
Japan Tea, in 1 lb cans, 40

SOAPS.

bars Logan & Beik's, 25c
bars Lantz Bros', 25c
" Lenox soap, 25c

HAM.

Beef Coal Oil, per gallon, 12½
Best Vinegar, per gallon, 25
Fancy Raisins, 10
Lion Bacon, 10
Heavy Bacon, 10
Best Lard, per lb, 10

MISCELLANEOUS.

Beef Coal Oil, per gallon, 12½
Best Vinegar, per gallon, 25
Fancy Raisins, 10
Lion Bacon, 10
Heavy Bacon, 10
Best Lard, per lb, 10

ROYAL

BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure.

This powdery mass, a mixture of purity

strength and whiteness, more economical

than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold

in competition with the multitude of low

cost, weak or inferior powders now on

the market. Royal Baking Powder, 100

lbs., \$1.00 per lb.

W. M. T. COOPER

ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY

Will draw up
Conveyances
Title and probate
Deeds, etc.

DR. N. B. W.

has money on hand
for real estate, OFFICE
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TUESDAY EVE., JAN. 7, 1890.

The Ohio Legislature assembled yesterday and proceeded to effect its organization by electing the Democratic candidates in both houses. The local candidates seemed to be hard-earned, and from all appearances Bruce is inside track, though there is still a serious bolt if he secures the nomination. But if Bruce gets the nomination, he will be elected; there nothing to that.

MAYOR GRACE of New York, who had a long interview with the Secretary of State on matters of South African policy, is mightily impressed by the intellectual vigor which was revealed in his intercourse with Mr. Grace.

He declares that he never met with such a wonderful power to seize the salient ideas of a under consideration, intuitively a proposition in his mind, and bring it to bear upon it the most resources in the way of learning.

C is less costly iron and cloth, cheap cotton and wheat," Mr. Grace tells us and we will need no in a dozen words, is the substance of the arguments which have advanced in support of the theory. If we content ourselves with the production of raw materials, leaving to other manufacture, which brings us we can get along very well with the policy which Messrs. Carlisle advocate. The country, however, refuses "free commercial intercourse" any such terms.

CHICAGO Tribune. The latest news from Columbus, O., is that the millionaire stock gambler of New York City, Bruce, has made the biggest bet for the senatorship. Thompson, another millionaire, is the only opponent left in the field, but as he cannot bid over Bruce, not having the staff to do it, the game is up with him and the scandal of six years ago will be repeated with variations of detail. Bruce's ability, character, social station, statesmanship, party service count for nothing when a Senator is sent in Ohio is up for disposal among democrats. The biggest pot of money taken it. Books buy the Ohio seat in the American House of Lords. Standard Oil steps down and out after years of Lordship and the Wall street speculator and rainbow chaser outside all the other bucksters and will strike into his place. And this is the work of the Democratic leaders of the great Buckeye State who have displayed such virtuous indignation against monopolies and trusts, boulds and barrels and the use of money in elections and blocks of five. And all the while these fellows in Ohio are working to legislate on these hypothetical issues they had the election of Bruce in view and the personal profit that would come out of it. These blant leaders who clamored so lustily against "blocks of five" are now round in blocks of ten and fifties gobbling their share of the boulds and hurling for Bruce who owns them, body and soul, and breed! So much for Democratic consistency and reform.

Short-Horn Breeders' Meeting. The annual convention of the Illinois Short-Horn Breeders' Association will be held in the capitol building at Springfield on January 8th and 9th. Prominent speakers will be present. All stockmen and farmers are especially invited to present and take part in the discussion of the topics presented.

"Blind Tom."

Probably the greatest musical prodigy the world has ever known is Blind Tom, the colored pianist. He has played before the sovereigns of Europe, the great masters of Europe heard him and they have all been amazed by his extraordinary gifts. Blind Tom appeared in December a number of years ago and he will give another exhibition of his remarkable skill—if a natural gift can properly be called skill—at the Grand next Saturday afternoon and night. A fine program will be offered and no doubt every over of good music—music that is not surpassed anywhere—will attend the entertainment. Reduced prices for the matinee.

Williams' Australian Herb Pills. You are yellow, bilious, constipated, with headache, bad breath, drawsy, no appetite, look out, you are out of order. One box of these pills will drive all the trouble away and make a new being of you, 25 cents a box.

Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness Against Thy Neighbor.

To speak well of your competitor has always been a good business principle. We hope we may never sink so low as to let our competitor's name stand in the effort to win trade. We don't sell our trade that way. We make price to our own goods. We attend to our own business and advise our competitors to do the same. Owing to cutting prices it is 50 per cent, we have sold more goods in the past three weeks than all other shoe dealers in Decatur combined. Of course it makes them mad but they are silly to cry. They forget that Mr. L. F. Ferris has sold me good goods in this town in the past two or three years. They may be angry. They also forgot that to maintain a "crossroads" fame necessitates the handling (as we do) of the very best and most desirable goods manufactured. We still have \$25,000 worth of goods that must be closed out at once regardless of our competitors. Sorry for them, of course, but we can't always be expected to protect them. See our large advertisement. Decatur. FERRIS & LADHAM, 148 East Main Street.

A Death-Dealing Railroad Train. JOHN DEAN, Pa., Jan. 6. The mail train west-bound on the Pennsylvania railroad, last night, killed two men at Tyrone, one of them being the train dispatcher. The other has not been identified. They were walking on the track when struck.

At Ben's creek, about twelve miles east of here, the train also struck and instantly killed two men, supposed to be Hungarians, in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad. They stepped in front of the engine and were terribly mangled. Two miles further down the road from here the train struck an omnibus and almost killed a woman.

You are at the Republican office, Decatur agent for the Remington Standard Firearm, the most perfect line made, the favorite with all expert operators who desire quick work and reliability.

NOTICE TO LOAN AT LOWEST RATES, ON PROPERTY.

APPLY TO BURBOWS & CO., NEWARK, ILLINOIS.

Notice is hereby given to all persons not to negotiate or trade for a certain promissory note for \$20, signed by John C. L. Smith, Esq., Gregory, payee to my order at the Bank of Decatur, Ill., January 1, 1890, said note having been paid in full of the amount named herein.

E. O. SMITH, Jr.

at the Post Office at Decatur, Illinois, Post class mail matter.

TUESDAY EVE., JAN. 7, 1890.

The School Calendar.

Capt. T. L. Evans, county superintendent of Public Schools, has issued a printed calendar for 1890. It is as follows:

Teachers' Examination—Second Friday of February, March, April, May, July and September.

Teachers' Meetings—January 4, February 22, March 15, April 19, May 17, and the first Saturday of September, October, November, and December.

Central Examinations—February 11 to March 25.

Final Examination—March 28.

For a second grade certificate, an average of 80 per cent, will be required, with no branch below 70 per cent; for a first grade, an average of 70 per cent, in the common branches, with a branch below 80 per cent, and good work in the sciences. After the first of July Physiology will be classed as one of the common branches as required by the law.

"The Fairies' Well."

In plot, construction, cast, and all that goes to make a good play, "The Fairies' Well" is by far the best Irish creation that will be seen in this city for years. It presents none of the threadbare eccentricities that were so many so-called Irish plays. There is a delightful absence of vulgarity. Oaths and shuffles are barred. Resort to expedients of doubtful character and worse taste to secure applause are not tolerated. The dialogue—crisp, rhythmic—is couched in the best of language. The scenery is superb and the company excellent in the extreme. The company will appear to-morrow night at the Grand for one performance.

A Water Farnome on the Mississippi.

After such a season of rain as we have had in this region it sounds queer to hear of the danger of a water famine at points on the Mississippi river, which was foreshadowed in telegrams from Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Ill., as late as last Sunday. At Davenport the season of 1861 is put down as showing the lowest stage of water, but on Saturday the river was a foot below the point recorded in 1861, and was still falling, the supply of water in the two cities on opposite sides of the river is growing to be alarming. A sudden freeze-up would result in great suffering.

Board of Education.

DECATUR, Ill., Jan. 6, 1890.

Present—Messrs. Chambers, Warren and Clark.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion R. H. Johnson was appointed a trustee officer with the understanding that he would be expected to work under the general direction of the superintendent. The board reserves the right to nominate a trustee.

The following bills were allowed and the clerk was directed to draw orders on the treasurer to pay the same: Surgeon & Son, \$10,15; City of Decatur, \$17,50; W. A. Boyd, \$9,10; Lytle, Eads & Roper, \$1,435; Lyon & Armstrong Co., \$8; John Shanks, \$1,50; King & Ward, \$8,50; Morehouse, Wells & Co., \$2,24.

On motion adjourned.

W. M. B. CHAMBERS, Pres.

E. A. GASKIN, Clerk.

SECRET SOCIETY MEETINGS.

WASING.

Annual Convocation of Masonic Lodge No. 21, R. A. W. Masons, Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, at the Union Hotel on the west side of the old Square, J. W. Woodward, W. M. CHAS. H. SHAW, Sec.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Regular Convocation of Chester Bayard Lodge No. 159, F. & A. M., this Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at Hart's Hall on the west side of the old Square, J. W. Woodward, W. M.

KNIGHTS OF CYCLES.

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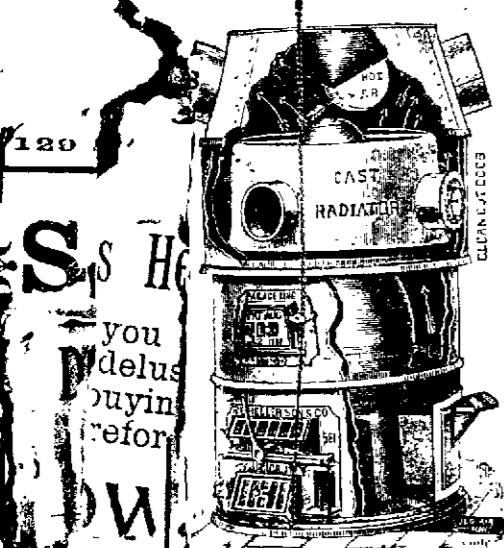
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THE DEADLY WIRES.

THE COUNCIL WARNED OF DANGER.

Interesting Reports on the Electric
Wires—What Was Done By the
Council Last Evening

The city council met in regular session last evening with all its members present excepting Alderman Park, Mayor Kanen presiding. The *Telegraph* was brief one, but considerably important business was discussed of. The fire commissioners submitted a report to the council upon the danger to life and property from the numerous electric light and street rail wires which form a net work in the city. Fire Marshal Foster submitted an interesting report on the same question. It is interesting to note that the council is not disposed to take precautionary steps for the safety of our people. The fact that death lurks in those wires has been frequently called to their attention. The time to act is before any accident occurs, and this fact should be constantly before the aldermen. The matter was referred to the Light committee for further investigation. The proceedings of the council in detail were as follows:

PETITIONS.

Property owners on South Water street who had previously signed petitions to grant both street railway companies a right of way on South Water street, between Main and Wood streets, filed a petition asking that the privilege be not granted. Received and placed on file.

R. F. Kincaid asked to be released from the saloon bond of D. McGarry. Laid on the table.

R. E. Roland was granted the privilege of selling a preparation for cleaning clothes without paying the customary license fee for padding.

REPORTS.

Marshal Mason's report of arrests, and the cause, therefore, during December, was as follows: Drunken houses, 7; inmates of same, 16; disorderly conduct, 5; intoxication, 10; assault, 7; profane language, 2; keeping bawdy house, 3; inmates of same, 13; carrying concealed weapons, 1;滋扰, 2; burglary, 2; larceny, 4; horse thief, 1; total, 71. Fines assessed, \$744; fines collected, \$182.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

By Metz: That a warrant be drawn in favor of the Finance Committee for \$1,844.75 in payment of interest. Adopted.

By Harwood, Shoemaker and Metz: That the pavement on East North street from Franklin to Mill street, Dempsey & Giblin, contractors, be accepted. Adopted.

By Scanlon: That the Decatur Electric company be notified to prepare and publish a schedule by which their cars shall run, said schedule to take effect February 1. Adopted.

By Scanlon: That the city attorney prepare an ordinance requiring electric street railway companies to sound their horns about 100 feet before crossing street intersections. Adopted.

By Finn: That the city attorney prepare an ordinance for opening Jackson street, from Cerro Gordo to Mason street, and for opening Warren street from Mason street to the alley between Mason street and Central avenue. Adopted.

By Finn: That railroad companies be required to erect horizontal gates at the crossings of the Wahab on Jasper, Morgan, Broadway, Water, Main and Edward streets; of the Illinois Central at the crossing of Broadway and Decatur streets. That the marshal instruct said companies to erect said gates and provide flagmen. Adopted.

By Finn: That the city attorney be instructed to bring suit against the Illinois Central for failure to pay certain rates previously ordered and also for failure to provide proper depot accommodations. Adopted. Motion on the council adjourned.

The report was adopted.

Street Superintendent Alexander made the following report for December: amount of lumber on hand December 1, 3,270 feet; 1,872; balance on hand January 1, 1,407 feet. Received and placed on file.

Fire Marshal Foster submitted a report to the effect that the law provided that one half of all the rates of taxes and license fees which are or may be hereafter required by law to be paid by corporations etc not incorporated under the law of this state engaged in effecting fire insurance, and one-fourth of all money collected as a tax on dogs and certain other taxes and forfeitures be set apart for the relief of disabled members of the police and fire departments. He called the attention to the question of taking steps to have the funds authorized set apart for the said purpose. Referred to the Fire committee.

The fire commissioners submitted the following report to the city council:

To the Honorable mayor and city council of the city of Decatur, Illinois:

In view of the great danger to life and property in our city from the multitude of electric wires used for various purposes, the numerous deaths and fires that have occurred in other cities, caused by such electric wires, and the peril to which our firemen are exposed in case of fire, the board of fire commissioners request the city council to take such immediate steps as in their judgment may be deemed necessary for the proper protection of the lives of our citizens from accident, to better guard their property from danger of fire, and that our firemen may be more safe in the performance of their duty.

Mr. Boorsen, St., does not object to this, as he would be glad if all the wild along his farm were cleared out by any means whatever. The special wish of the father and son is that baboons would take to some tool providing operations which would get rid of the prickly pear.

But as the substance of the leaf and of the trunk of the prickly pear is nothing but water, the wish is not likely to be gratified. Anyway, the pronging club has classed the baboon with the wild carnivora, and the rifle and arsenic are now busy to destroy him.

Farmers give interesting instances of the difficulty of poisoning the baboon, the fellow being about as "slim" as a human being. One farmer believes the fellow tastes the poison as prepared and digested for him, and if he finds it is not a good thing for the stomach splits out. That farmer, however, has succeeded in giving the arsenic such palatable surroundings that the shrewdness of the baboon is not proof against the palatable temptation and dies.

Fire Marshal Foster submitted a report on the same question. He suggested the necessity of guard-wires being put up by companies using electric currents as a matter of protection to property from the danger of fire by burning out telephones etc. He also suggested the necessity of an ordinance which would empower the officer in charge of a fire to use safeguards for the prevention of fatalities from wires charged with a deadly current. His idea was, in case the city has an alarm system, to have boxes in all electric rooms of electric light and street railway companies, which would notify them of a fire and cause them to shut down during the progress of a fire, especially in case of a configuration in the business center where the greatest danger exists. While this might prove an inconvenience to electrical companies, it would be far better than to sacrifice one human life. The matter was referred to the Light and Fire committees.

The police report of Justices Foster, Provost, Curtis, Hammer and Stevens was read and referred to the Finance committee and city attorney.

The commissioners appointed to estimate the cost of paving certain alleys made the following report: From Prairie to Wilson, between Main and Water street, \$788.80, at \$1.45 per square yard; from Main to Word street between Main and Water street, \$943.50 at \$1.45 per square yard; from Wood to Main street between Church and Main street, \$854.20 at \$1.45 per square yard in advance at the box.

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